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SUBJ: AFGHAN GOVERNMENT REPORTEDLY REJECTS U.S. PROTEST

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF A REPORT APPEARING ON
THE FRONT PAGE OF THE FEBRUARY 20 KABUL TIMES:
BEGIN QUOTE

AFGHANISTAN REJECTS U.S. PROTEST NOTE

ACCORDING TO A REPORT RECEIVED, THE REPLY TO THE PROTEST
NOTE OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
WHICH HAD BEEN GIVEN TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF
THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN ON FEBRUARY 17, 1979, WAS
COMMUNICATED YESTERDAY TO THE AFGHAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON
TO BE DELIVERED TO THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT.

IN THE REPLY MESSAGE THE REASONS OF PROTEST HAVE BEEN DES-
CRIBED BASELESS AND THEREFORE IT HAS NOT BEEN CONSIDERED
APPROPOS, AND HAS BEEN REJECTED. END QUOTE

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE TEXT OF NOTE AS SOON AS IT IS
DELIVERED. AMSTUTZ

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